

# C.A.R.E.

## COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORT

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C.A.R.E. is a multi-agency public outreach program to disseminate information about recovery efforts and potential storm impacts following the August/September 2009 California wildfires.

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### ANGELES FOREST ROADS PREPARE TO RE-CLOSE DUE TO ANTICIPATED STORMS

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has announced that based on forecasted imminent weekend storms, it intends to close public access to all County roads within the Station Fire burn area as of Sunday morning, 4 a.m., January 17, 2010.

Residents in the at-risk burn areas are also advised that evacuations may be possible when rains are expected to exceed one half-inch (0.5") per hour.

Public Works will confirm the road closure tomorrow, Saturday, when the latest weather forecasts have been analyzed. The roads will reopen after the threat of rain or the storm systems have passed and debris and damage inspections of the roadways are completed.

As a result, the Angeles Forest Highway, Big Tujunga Canyon Road, and Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road, will be closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles and DPW personnel. Residents living in the burn areas will not be permitted to use the roads until the closures are lifted.

Bob Spencer, Public Affairs Manager for Public Works, reminded residents that during the winter storm season these roads would be closed when moderate to heavy rainfalls are forecasted for the area.

"The safety of motorists using these roads is our number one priority," Spencer said. "We urge residents to continue to monitor news broadcasts, or visit the CARE website at [www.dpwcare.org](http://www.dpwcare.org) for further updates as this series of storm fronts approach."

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